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Mr. Wayne Wheeler, P.E.  
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**RE: Type I-A Permit Modification Application for the Belmont Bestway Disposal Services Transfer Facility**

Dear Mr. Wheeler,

I submit testimony re Bestway Disposal Services Transfer Facility. I understand that Bestway is applying to expand the facility's design capacity from 153 tons to an average of 503 tons per day, not to exceed 600 tons on any single day.

As a resident of Northfield, I learned that our town draws water from the Stratified Drift Aquifer that is directly under where Bestway is sited. Bestway now seeks to expand their facility over the same aquifer. I also learned that the site was approved for industrial use before it was recognized to be a Stratified Drift Aquifer. Please do not build upon a mistake.

Water that is safe for public health & for the environment is critical to all concerned & informed citizens. Do not permit further destruction of a Stratified Drift Aquifer by allowing this permit to expand the facility.

I especially object to Bestway's expansion because, in the past, they were not transparent in accepting portable toilets @ the site (illegal act). There was also a fire at the dump site. If Bestway, at current small capacity, does not show itself to be a safety-conscious & clean operation, why permit them to increase possible irreversible harm to our environment? Given their bad record, do not permit them to commit further harms to public drinking waters. They cite that the facility is "in an enclosed area, remote from sensitive receptors and residential areas." Will your department monitor them more closely, given their remote site? Water is a precious commodity that should not be threatened by short-sighted expediency today.

The Waste Management Bureau must be our watchdog now that we know a transfer station was built over a Stratified Drift Aquifer. You cannot remove it –you need not expand it. In the future, the water quality will be affected adversely or for the better. I choose health.

Thanks for your promotion of responsible waste management & protection of environment & public health.

Sincerely,

Mary A. Lee